(c) whether the implementation of the Family Welfare Programmes during the last two years was very slow; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the deficiencies brought to the notice of the Union Government by the State Governments and concrete proposals likely to be adopted for effective implementation of the programmes during the next two years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI) : (a), (b) and (d) For ensuring effective implementation of the Family Welfare Programme in the country, the programme is periodically reviewed on the basis of field experience and in consultation with State Governments. Based on such reviews, the strategy for its implementation is modified from time to time, in keeping with the requirements. The strategy involves strengthening of infrastructure, improving the quality of services, improved information, education and communication activities, greater emphasis on maternal and child health care, better arrangements for supply and distribution of contraceptives etc.

(c) The performance of the programme on an all India basis, under various methods of contraception, during the last two years, is given in the attached statement. Lower performance in different States/UTs can be attributable to disturbed conditions, vacancies of F.W. staff at different levels, etc.

TARGETS AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN RESPECT OF F.P. METHODS DURING 1989-90 & 1990-91- ALL-INDIA

(Figures in 000's)

Methods	Targets		Achievements*		% Achievements of Targets	
	1989-90	1990-91	1989-90	1990-91	1989-90	1990-91
Sterilisations . . .	5449	5804	4181	4122	76.7	71.0
IUD Insertions. . .	5253	6400	4937	5322	94.0	83·2
C.C. Users(Eq.) . .	14016	15080	14186	14707	101.2	97.5
O.P. Users(Eq.) . .	2094	2493	2740	3107	130.9	124.6

*Figures Provisional

PERMISSION OF RBI FOR MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE BY INDIAN COUNCIL OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

65. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Council of Historical Research is required to take permission of the Reserve Bank of India to sanction maintenance allowance in foreign currency; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the Indian Council of Historical Research, the Council sanctions maintenance grant to scholars in Indian currency to undertake research abroad. Scholars who are sanctioned such grants have themselves to apply to the Reserve Bank of India for foreign exchange under the Foreign Exchange regulation Act, 1973.

EFFICACY OF CHOLERA VACCINE

66. SHRI MANORANJAN SUR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the efficacy of currently available cholera vaccine has been seriously questioned by medical experts;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether a large number of people have been innoculated with cholera vaccines this year, if so, the details thereof; State-wise;

(d) whether Oral Rehydration Therapy has not been properly promoted and there is a scarcity of ORS packets in the market; and

(e) if so, the measures taken to remedy the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The efficacy of the presently available cholera vaccine is only 30% to 50% lasting for 3 to 6 months. The emphasis in cholera control is more on adoption of Hygienic practices and not on cholera immunization.

(c) No Sir, only sporadic immunization have been given in some parts of the country. Cholera immunization is not recommended as a public health measure.

(d) Oral Rehydration Therapy is being promoted in all States/UTs as a Part of the strategy to prevent deaths due to diarrhoea. There is no scarcity of ORS packets in the market.

(e) Question does not arise.

WORLD BANK AID POLLUTION CONTROL MEASURES

67. SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY :

SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have obtained a loan of Rs. 280 crore from the World Bank so as to provide financial assistance to big and small industrial units for pollution control measures;

(b) the details of the terms and conditions under which loan has been obtained from the World Bank;

(c) if so, the details of the such industries to which financial assistance has been provided; and

(d) the extent to which the industries are likely to effectively control pollution by such assistance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) The Union Government has entered into an agreement with the World Bank to provide financial assistance amounting to 147.4 million US $ for an Industrial Pollution Control Project.

(b) There are two types of lending by the World Bank under the project : (1) credit by the International Development Association (IDA) and (2) loan by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD). The terms and conditions of lending by IDA are : (1) Zero per cent rate of interest (2) 0.75% service charges (3) ten years grace period and (4) thirty five years maturity. The terms and conditions of IBRD lending are : (1) variable rate of interest (currently about 7.75%), (2) commitment charges of 0.25%, (3) Five years grace period and (4) fifteen years maturity.

(c) The project includes provision of loans to large and medium scale industries for pollution control and for setting up of common effluent treatment plants for clusters of small-scale industrial units.

(d) Industries are required to meet the standards prescribed for discharge of effluents/emissions within a specified timeframe. The availability of loans through the financial institutions would facilitate the industries in meeting these standards.

EXTENSION OF FOREST AREAS

68. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to implement any plan on national level to accelerate the process of etxension of forests; and

(b) if so, the outline of such a plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) There is no such plan to be implemented at the moment.